

East Face Vegetation Management Project

Administrative Review (Objection) Opportunity

The La Grande and Whitman Ranger Districts of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest are taking action on a fuels reduction and vegetation management project in the Ladd Canyon to Anthony Lakes/Antone Butte area in Townships 5-7 South, Ranges 36-38 East. The draft decision would authorize areas of mechanical harvest/removal and prescribed burning, stocking density reduction, planting, hazard tree removal, precommercial thinning, slashbusting, and harvest removal by tractor, skyline and helicopter systems. Approximately 9.15 miles of temporary road construction would be required. An amendment to the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Plan is proposed in this project to facilitate fuels reduction activities in key strategic locations.

Analysis has been completed and the East Face Vegetation Management Project is now subject to pre-decisional administrative review pursuant to 36 CFR 218 subparts A and B. The Responsible Official is Tom Montoya, Forest Supervisor of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A copy of the Environmental Assessment and draft Decision Notice and/or additional information can be obtained either online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41765> or by contacting Cindy Christensen at the La Grande Ranger District, 3502 Highway 30, La Grande, OR 97850, 541-962-8501, and emailing her at cjchristensen@fs.fed.us.

Only individuals or organizations that submitted specific written comments during a designated opportunity for public participation (scoping or the 30-day public comment period) may object (36 CFR 218.5). Notices of objection must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 218.8(d); incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b).

Objections may be mailed to: Jim Pena, Regional Forester, Objection Reviewing Officer, Pacific Northwest Region, USDA Forest Service, Attn. 1570 Appeals and Objections, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623. Objections delivered by mail must be received before the close of the fifth business day after the objection filing period. For emailed objections, please email to: objections-pnw-regional-office@fs.fed.us. Please put OBJECTION and the project name in the subject line. Electronic objections must be submitted as part of an actual e-mail message, or as an attachment in Microsoft Word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf) only. For electronically mailed appeals, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement of the receipt of the appeal, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means. Objections may also be hand delivered to the Pacific Northwest Regional Office, USDA Forest Service, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, OR 97204 between 7:45 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday except legal holidays. Objections may also be faxed to: Regional Forester, Attn: 1570 Objections at (503)-808-2339. Objections must be postmarked or received by the Reviewing Officer, Regional Forester, within 45 days from the date of

publication of notice of the objection in the *Baker City Herald* newspaper, Baker City, OR. The publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to file an objection should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector, unless the issue is based on new information that arose after the opportunities for comment. The burden is on the objector to demonstrate compliance with this requirement for objection issues.

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